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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (KENNEDY, EDWARD M.)

SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

REF: LONDON 14664

1. I DISCUSSED SENATOR KENNEDY'S VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAL WHO ASSURED ME THAT HE WILL ARRANGE AUDIENCE WITH KING HUSSEIN. AUDIENCE WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S BREAKFAST FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT 8 A.M. NOVEMBER 18. (PALACE PROTOCOL CHIEF YANAL HIKMAT HAS ALSO CONFIRMED ABOVE. PALACE AWARE OF SENATOR'S 11:15 A.M. PLANE TO CAIRO AND WILL INSURE HE MAKES CONNECTION.)

2. PRIME MINISTER WAS DEEPLY APOLOGETIC OVER THE MIX-UP IN DATES CONCERNING SENATOR'S VISIT. AS A RESULT HE REGRETS THAT THE DINNER AND GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATIONS ORIGINALLY OFFERED TO THE SENATOR AND HIS PARTY ARE RESERVED BY IRANIAN EMPRESS FARAH AND HER PARTY.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE SENATOR KENNEDY, MRS SMITH AND MR HUNTER TO BE MY GUESTS AT THE LESS SUMPTUOUS BUT
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COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE RESIDENCE UNLESS SENATOR

WOULD PREFER TO STAY AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

4. REGARDING DINNER NOV 17, IF SENATOR KENNEDY PLANS LEAVE KING DAVID

HOTEL IN JERUSALEM AT 7 PM NOVEMBER 17, WE ASSUME THAT HE WOULD ARRIVE AT BRIDGE AT 8 PM AND IN AMMAN AT APPROXIMATELY 9 PM. IN VIEW OF LATENESS OF ARRIVAL (INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF SOME SLIPPAGE IN ARRIVAL) AND FACT MOST INTERESTING SENIOR JORDANIAN FIGURES WILL BE ATTENDING FAREWELL DINNER FOR EMPRESS FARAH, WE WOULD PROPOSE INFORMAL 9:30 SUPPER AND BRIEFING AT RESIDENCE WITH SELECTED EMBASSY STAFF. WE WOULD HOWEVER BE HAPPY TO INVITE SOME JORDANIAN GUESTS IF SENATOR SO DESIRES.

5. CROWN PRINCE'S STAFF HAS CONFIRMED THAT MRS SMITH AND MR HUNTER ALSO INVITED TO CROWN PRINCE'S BREAKFAST.

6. FOR LONDON: REQUEST YOU PASS FOREGOING TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S PARTY.
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